



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 22, 2000

Alec Poitevint, Treasurer
Republican National Committee
c/o Thomas J. Josefiak, Esq.
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Washington, D.C. 20003

RE: MUR 4969
Republican National
Committee, and
Alec Poitevint, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Poitevint:

In the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") considered the issue of whether the Republican National Committee ("RNC"), and you, as treasurer, violated certain provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On February 2, 2000, the Commission considered the matters in MUR 4969 but was equally divided on whether there was reason to believe that the RNC, and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A), 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.5(b), and 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4). In addition, the Commission was equally divided on whether there was reason to believe that, with respect to the television advertisements More Talk, Even More Talk, Surprise, The Pledge, More, Who, Case Study, and The Story, the RNC and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A), 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.5(b), and 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4). Finally, the Commission was equally divided on whether there was reason to believe that, with respect to the never-aired television advertisement entitled Stripes, the RNC and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A), 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.5(b), and 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4).

On February 8, 2000, the Commission again considered these matters, but there was an insufficient number of votes to find reason to believe that the RNC, and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4) and 11 C.F.R. § 106.5(a).

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On March 9, 2000 the Commission again considered these matters, and decided to close the file in MUR 4969. Copies of the General Counsel's Reports are enclosed for your information.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and these matters are now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Blumberg, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel



BY: Kim Leslie Bright
Associate General Counsel

Enclosures

First General Counsel's Report, dated January 12, 2000
General Counsel's Report, dated March 3, 2000